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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on January 4, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated April 6, 2007 with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 2004800106015, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 2377762 Y, together with an English language translation of the same;
- (2) International Publication No. WO 00/01054; and
- (3) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1036484 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. U.S. Patent No. 4,952,828 is a patent family member of this document.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

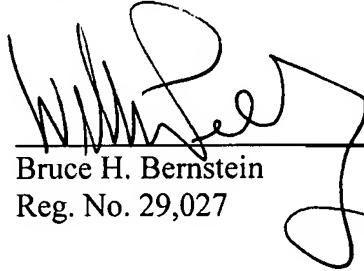
Applicants note that above-noted document (2) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2006. Thus, a copy of this document is not provided herewith. Applicants also note that above-noted patent family member, U.S. Patent No. 4,952,828, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (1) and (3) are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicants hereby certify that each new item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted documents (1) and (3)) was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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